

The Cape Fear Area Rural Planning Organization exists to serve as the intergovernmental organization for local elected officials, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and residents of Brunswick, Columbus and Pender Counties to work cooperatively to address transportation issues.

**Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)
Meeting Agenda
July 13, 2018 • 9:00 AM
Cape Fear Council of Governments • Wilmington, NC**

I. START-UP

- 1. Call to Order/Introductions**
- 2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Ethics awareness & conflict of interest statement** – The following is to be read aloud at the beginning of each meeting:

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Committee member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Committee member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Committee today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

If any members have a conflict of interest, an ABSTENTION FROM VOTING form [*attached*] is required to be submitted *prior to the meeting*.

- 4. Additions or corrections to the agenda**
- 5. Approval of minutes:** May 18, 2018 [*attached*]
- 6. Public comment**

II. PRESENTATIONS

- 7. US 74 Corridor Master Plan** – Tyler Bray (Atkins) and Nastasha Earle-Young (NCDOT)

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- 8. PUBLIC HEARING: Prioritization 5.0 Final Regional Tier Point Assignments** – Final Regional Impact tier local input point assignments are due July 27. *RTCC recommended approving the attached DRAFT final Regional Impact tier local input point assignments.*

9. **NC Ports BUILD Resolution** – The NC Ports Authority has requested a resolution of support for their BUILD application to the USDOT for Port of Wilmington improvements. *RTCC recommended approval of the attached resolution of support.*
10. **East Coast Greenway BUILD Resolution** – The East Coast Greenway Alliance is partnering with the Cape Fear RPO and other eastern NC RPOs to prepare a BUILD grant application to fund rural ECG corridor studies. *RTCC recommended approval of the attached resolution of support.*

IV. REPORTS/UPDATES

- Cape Fear RPO
 - Prioritization 5.0
 - Columbus Co Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)
 - Brunswick Co CTP
 - Southport-Ft. Fisher Ferry toll rate increase [*press release attached*]
 - Build NC Act [*press release attached*]
(<https://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S758v5.pdf>)
 - CSX Intermodal Facility [*press release attached*]
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender) - [*attached*]
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus) - [*attached*]
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch (TPB) - [*attached*]
- NC Board of Transportation

IV. OTHER

1. **Open discussion:** General questions, comments, and other discussions
2. **Future meetings:** Sept. 21, 2018 (preliminary Division Needs tier point assignments)
Oct. 19, 2018 (final Division Needs tier point assignments)
3. **Adjourn**

Cape Fear RPO
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Meeting
May 18, 2018

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

The undersigned TAC Member abstains from voting on the following Agenda items and requests that the official record of the Meeting shows that he or she did not vote on the motion:

Item _____

Reason for Abstention: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

The TAC Member should review the agenda prior to the meeting, list the agenda items or other matters for which he or she desires to abstain from voting, sign name, and give request to Allen Serkin, Secretary to the TAC, prior to the meeting.

Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County
Pender County

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee
May 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes
****DRAFT****

Voting Members Present

Robert Barnhill, St. Helena

George Brown, Pender County

Craig Caster, Boiling Spring Lakes

JV Dove, Southport

Mike Forte, Brunswick County

Terry Mann, Whiteville

Frank Williams, Brunswick County

Others Present

Justin Brantley, Cape Fear COG

David DeLong, Town of St. James

Bill Hammond, NCDOT Division 6

Alan Pytcher, NCDOT, Division 3

Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPB

Allen Serkin, Cape Fear COG

Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6

1. **Introduction and quorum** – Having reached a quorum, Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM. The attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Brown led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Ethics awareness and conflict of interest statement** – Mr. Williams read the statement to the RTAC. No conflicts of interest were raised and no members recused themselves from any votes.
4. **Additions or corrections to the agenda** – There were no additions or corrections to the agenda. *Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
5. **Approval of Minutes** – There were no changes to the minutes. *Mr. Caster made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
6. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment at this time.
7. **Cape Fear RPO Title VI Program** – Mr. Brantley presented the Title VI program and explained its requirements as well as the role of the RTAC.

8. **Prioritization 5.0 Statewide Tier Results** – Mr. Serkin summarized the Prioritization 5.0 Preliminary Statewide Tier Results. The RPO did not receive any projects at the Statewide Tier.
9. **Prioritization 5.0 Preliminary Regional Tier Point Assignments** – Mr. Serkin went over the methodology of the preliminary point assignments for the regional tier. Mr. Williams asked about the Delco bypass project and the possibility of this project influencing a nearby interchange project. Mr. Serkin recommended taking 11 points from the lowest scoring project receiving points (NC 53 corridor project in Burgaw) and putting them toward the Maco Rd to Mt Misery Rd project to match the 89 points proposed by the WMPO. Mr. Serkin stated that the draft point assignments include assigning the points otherwise eligible for the US 74/NC 11 interchange to the Delco Bypass which includes that interchange. *Mr. Forte made a motion to adopt the preliminary point assignments with proposed changes, Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
10. **FY 2017-2018 Planning Work Program Amendment** – Mr. Serkin presented the PWP amendment for the current fiscal year and explained that 4,000 dollars is proposed to be transferred from general transportation to administration. He attributes the raise in the administration funding to addressing the FHWA SPR program review recommendations and the Title VI requirements as well as other administrative tasks. *Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the FY 2017-2018 PWP Amendment, Mr. Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
11. **FY 2018-2019 Planning Work Program** – Mr. Serkin presented the PWP for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Mr. Serkin illustrated the line item format changes as well as indicated that although the format is different it was intended that the overall budget be essentially unchanged. *Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the FY 2018-2019 PWP, Mr. Mann seconded the motion. The motioned carried.*
12. **Title VI Documents** – Mr. Serkin reviewed the Title VI documents that need signatures as well as recommended their adoption. *Mr. Mann made a motion to approve signature and adoption of these documents, Mr. Dove seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
13. **I-95 Corridor Coalition** – Mr. Serkin discussed the I-95 Coalition Traffic Flow Data Program and the RPO's ability to access the data through NCDOT's licensing agreement. *Mr. Forte made a motion to recommend approval of the Data Use Agreement. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
14. **Reports/Updates** – Mr. Serkin summarized the schedule and process for Prioritization 5.0 as well as discussed the project summary page for each project. Mr. Serkin indicated that these project summaries would be made available online. Mr. Pytcher gave the Division 3 update. Mr. Sturdivant gave the Division 6 update. Ms. Sarder gave the Transportation Planning Branch update as well as an update on the Columbus County CTP and the Brunswick County CTP.
15. **Open Discussion:** There was no open discussion at this time.

16. Adjournment – *There being no further discussion, Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Dove seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM.*

Minutes prepared by Justin Brantley on May 18, 2018.

Cape Fear RPO Final Regional Impact tier Local Input Point Assignments

SPOT ID	Project Category	Project Description	Cost to NCDOT	County	CFRPO Share	Regional Impact Quantitative Score	Division 3 Regional Priority	Division 6 Regional Priority	Division Regional Priority Points	Brunswick Regional Priority	Columbus Regional Priority	Pender Regional Priority	County Regional Priority Points	Project Development Points	Regional Impact Project Score	Regional Impact Preliminary Points	Regional Impact Final Points	Regional Impact Justification
H090936-A	Statewide Mobility	Upgrade Future I-74 (US 74) to interstate standards from NC 41 near Lumberton to US 76 near Chadborn	\$53,600,000	Columbus, Robeson	51.88	48.998		High	100		High		100	40	68.50	52	52	#1 Columbus highway; LRRPO plans to assign 48 points
H090133-C	Statewide Mobility	Widen NC 87 to 4 lanes from NC 11 to US 74/76 [R-2561C]	\$93,000,000	Columbus	100	44.534		High	100		High		100	60	68.27	100	100	#2 Columbus highway
F150235	Regional Impact	Acquire an additional river class ferry vessel for the Southport-Ft Fisher route to reduce expected passenger congestion	\$14,000,000	Brunswick, New Hanover	50	52.22	High		100	High			100	20	68.11	50	50	#1 Non-highway; WMPO plans to assign 50 points
H090287-G	Statewide Mobility	Construct interchange at existing at-grade Intersection of US 74/76 and NC 87 (Maco Rd) [R-4462]	\$20,000,000	Brunswick	100	34.802	High		100	High			100	80	65.40	100	100	#1 Brunswick highway
H090133-B	Statewide Mobility	Widen NC 87 to 4 lanes from SR 1730 (Elwell Ferry Road) in Bladen County to NC 11 in Columbus County [R-2561B]	\$56,100,000	Bladen, Columbus	10.49	40.117		High	100		High		100	40	64.06	10	10	#1 Other; MCRPO plans to assign 90 points
F150236	Regional Impact	Construct additional mooring facilities at the Southport ferry terminal to accommodate an additional ferry vessel	\$5,000,000	Brunswick, New Hanover	50	43.89	High		100	High			100	20	63.95	50	50	#2 Non-highway; WMPO plans to assign 50 points
H170036	Regional Impact	Construct a 1-lane roundabout at the intersection of NC 210 at Watts Landing Rd near Surf City	\$2,100,000	Pender	100	43.738	High		100			High	100	20	63.87	100	100	#1 Pender highway
H090803-F	Statewide Mobility	Construct a continuous green T-intersection (CGT) at intersestion of US 17 and NC 210 near Surf City	\$2,800,000	Pender	100	45.911	High		100			High	100	0	62.96	100	100	#2 Pender highway
H170045	Regional Impact	Construct a 1-lane roundabout at the intersection of NC 210/NC 50/Belt Rd in Surf City	\$7,100,000	Pender	100	42.453	High		100			High	100	10	62.23	100	100	#2 Other
H170193	Regional Impact	Upgrade the intersection of US 701 Bypass and SR 1305 (Complex St) in Tabor City, including partial realignment of US 701 Business (Hickman Rd)/Complex	\$7,900,000	Columbus	100	42.503		High	100		High		100	0	61.25	100	100	#3 Other
H150503	Regional Impact	Widen NC 53 to 3 lanes from US 117 Bypass to SR 1509 (Stag Park Rd) near Burgaw [R-5850]	\$4,200,000	Pender	100	41.278	High		100			Medium	75	40	59.64	100	100	#4 Other
H090287-AE	Statewide Mobility	Construct Future I-74 bypass of Delco on new location from west of SR 1844 (Oscar Blanks Rd) to east of the Columbus/Brunswick county line [R-4462]	\$83,700,000	Columbus, Brunswick	100	39.635	Medium	High	96	Medium	Medium		75	40	57.92	100	100	#2 Brunswick highway
H090805	Regional Impact	Modernize NC 53 in Burgaw from US 117 Bypass to SR 1400 (Smith St) and construct streetscape improvements, per the NC 53 Corridor Study	\$28,100,000	Pender	100	33.114	High		100			Medium	75	30	54.56	36	100	#5 Other
H090806-A	Regional Impact	Widen NC 211 to 4 lanes from US 17 in Supply to SR 1112 (Sunset Harbor Rd) per Feasibility Study WS-40814	\$33,500,000	Brunswick	91.12	41.428	Medium		50	High			100	30	53.71	91	91	#6 Other; GSATS plans to assign 9 points
H090806-C	Regional Impact	Widen NC 211 to 4 lanes from SR 1112 (Sunset Harbor Road) to NC 906 (Midway Road) per feasibility study WS-40814	\$33,500,000	Brunswick	100	40.655	Medium		50	High			100	30	53.33	100	100	#7 Other
H090287-AD	Statewide Mobility	Upgrade Future I-74 (US 74/76) to interstate standards from NC 214 (Sam Potts Hwy) near Bolton to west of SR 1844 (Oscar Banks Rd) [R-4462]	\$40,500,000	Columbus	100	38.204		Medium	50		Medium		75	40	48.10	0	36	#8 Other; 11 points transferred to H090287-AG
H090287-AF	Statewide Mobility	Upgrade Future I-74 (US 74/76) to interstate standards from east fo the Columbus/Brunswick county line to NC 87 (Maco Rd) [R-4462]	\$39,300,000	Brunswick	100	37.699	Medium		50	Medium			75	40	47.85	0	0	Did not score high enough
H090293-J	Statewide Mobility	Convert intersection of US 17 and US 17 Business (north of Bolivia) to superstreet	\$3,000,000	Brunswick	100	40.457	Medium		50	Medium			75	10	46.23	100	0	Did not score high enough; Division priority lowered since no Division points assignend
H171987	Statewide Mobility	Construct interchange at intersection of US 74 and NC 11	\$13,600,000	Columbus	100	33.929		Medium	50		Medium		75	40	45.96	0	0	Did not score high enough
H090237-A	Statewide Mobility	Construct I-74 (Carolina Bays Pkwy) freeway on new location from the SC state line to US 17 at NC 130 [R-3436]	\$366,700,000	Brunswick	65.47	36.431	Medium		50	Low			50	40	42.22	0	65	Accept 65 points from GSATS
H090287-AG	Statewide Mobility	Upgrade Future I-74 (US 74/76) to interstate standards from NC 87 (Maco Rd) to SR 1426 (Mt Misery Rd) [R-4462]	\$304,000,000	Brunswick	10.66	36.345	Medium		50	Low			50	40	42.17	11	11	Important regional project; assign 11 points to match 89 points WMPO plans to assign
H090287-AA	Statewide Mobility	Upgrade Future I-74 (US 74/76) to interstate standards from US 76 near Chadborn to NC 214 (Sam Potts Hwy) near Bolton [R-4462]	\$68,400,000	Columbus	100	32.789		Medium	50		Low		50	50	41.39	0	0	Did not score high enough
H090306	Regional Impact	Widen US 701 to 4 lanes from the SC state line to NC 410 (Joe Brown Hwy) [R-3440]	\$27,800,000	Columbus	100	27.367		Medium	50		Medium		75	20	40.68	0	0	Did not score high enough
H171352	Regional Impact	Widen NC 904 to 4 lanes from US 17 to SR 1308 (Etheridge Rd)	\$32,500,000	Brunswick	15.57	36.674	Low		25	Medium			75	0	38.34	0	0	Did not score high enough
H170901	Statewide Mobility	Convert US 74/76 to an unsignalized superstreet from the Columbus/Brunswick county line to I-140, closing open median crossovers, and tying into safety project W-5601EV	\$32,000,000	Brunswick, Columbus	59.17	40.01	None	Low	2	Medium	High		88	0	37.97	0	0	Did not score high enough
H090287-E	Statewide Mobility	Construct interchange at existing at-grade intersection of US 74/76 and NC 214 [R-4462]	\$10,800,000	Columbus	100	27.778		Low	25		Low		50	40	32.89	0	0	Did not score high enough

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H172280	Statewide Mobility	Construct unsignalized superstreet on US 74 from SR 1836 (Byrdville Freeman Rd) to SR 1845 (Money Hole Rd)	\$21,100,000	Columbus	100	30.747		Low	25		Low		50	0	30.37	0	0	Did not score high enough
H090293-I	Statewide Mobility	Convert intersection of US 17 and SR 1569 (College Rd NE) to superstreet	\$3,000,000	Brunswick	100	25.588	Low		25	Low			50	10	28.79	0	0	Did not score high enough
H170433	Regional Impact	Construct a 1-lane roundabout at NC 906 (Midway Rd) and SR 1501 (Gilbert Rd) [R-3434]	\$1,400,000	Brunswick	100	33.132	None		0	Low			50	20	28.57	0	0	Did not score high enough
H170034	Regional Impact	Construct a truck bypass of Burgaw on Wallace St (SR 1344) and partially on new location [R-3302]	\$34,500,000	Pender	100	23.196	Low		25			Low	50	10	27.60	0	0	Did not score high enough
H141033	Regional Impact	Realign NC 210 at SR 1120 (Malpass Corner Rd)/SR 1121 (Bell Williams Rd) to make NC 210 the through movement, potentially using a roundabout	\$2,600,000	Pender	100	25.189	None		0			Medium	75	0	27.59	0	0	Did not score high enough
H141489-B	Statewide Mobility	Convert at grade intersection to grade separation, square loop at intersection of NC 87 and NC 11 near Sandyfield [R-2561CA]	\$17,700,000	Columbus	100	39.298		None	0		None		0	70	26.65	0	0	Did not score high enough; project now committed in STIP
H170186	Regional Impact	Widen US 701 to 4 lanes from SR 1166 (Pleasant Plains Rd) to SR 1004 (Rough & Ready Rd) to improve mobility and safety	\$15,900,000	Columbus	100	26.527		None	0		Low		50	20	25.26	0	0	Did not score high enough
H141489-A	Statewide Mobility	Construct a 1-lane roundabout at intersection of NC 87 and NC 11 near Sandyfield [R-2561CA]	\$1,000,000	Columbus	100	46.342		None	0		None		0	20	25.17	0	0	Did not score high enough; project now committed in STIP as interchange
H090236-A	Regional Impact	Widen NC 906 (Midway Rd) to 4 Lanes from NC 211 (Southport-Supply Rd) to SR 1501 (Gilbert Rd) [R-3434]	\$26,800,000	Brunswick	100	24.187	None		0	Low			50	20	24.09	0	0	Did not score high enough
H090802	Regional Impact	Widen NC 210 to 4 lanes with multi-use path from US 17 to B-4929 (Surf City Bridge)	\$54,300,000	Pender	100	23.459	None		0			Low	50	10	22.73	0	0	Did not score high enough
H090293-H	Statewide Mobility	Convert intersection of US 17 and SR 1401 (Galloway Rd) to superstreet	\$3,000,000	Brunswick	100	23.297	Medium		50	None			0	10	22.65	0	0	Did not score high enough
H090287-H	Statewide Mobility	Construct grade separation at existing at-grade intersection of US 74/76 and SR 1800 (Blacksmith Rd), formerly H150987 [R-4462]	\$4,400,000	Columbus	100	22.707		Low	25		None		0	40	20.35	0	0	Did not score high enough
R150532	Statewide Mobility	Restore the abandoned Atlantic Coast Line Railroad corridor (CSX AC line) from Burgaw to the Castle Hayne (phase 2), per Pender Co CTP project PEND0001-R	\$80,900,000	Pender, New Hanover	60	8.03	Low		25			Low	50	10	20.02	0	0	#3 Non-highway, low quantitative score does not support local input points (RTAC/RTCC)
H170246	Regional Impact	Realign NC 906 (Midway/Galloway Rd) at US 17 Business and construct a roundabout [R-3434]	\$2,700,000	Brunswick	100	24.04	None		0	None			0	20	14.02	0	0	Did not score high enough
R140031	Statewide Mobility	Restore the abandoned Atlantic Coast Line Railroad corridor (CSX AC line) from Wallace to Castle Hayne, per Pender Co CTP project PEND0001-R	\$159,500,000	New Hanover, Pender	74	7.8	Low		25			None	0	10	9.90	0	74	Accept 74 points from WMPO if offered
R150529	Statewide Mobility	Restore the abandoned Atlantic Coast Line Railroad corridor (CSX AC line) from Wallace to Burgaw (phase 1), per Pender Co CTP project PEND0001-R	\$67,400,000	Pender	92	7.2	Low		25			None	0	10	9.60	0	0	Did not score high enough
H090236-B	Regional Impact	Widen NC 906 (Midway Rd/Galloway Rd) to 3 lanes on 4-lane right-of-way, and realign the offset intersection of Midway Rd and Galloway Rd with US 17 Business (Old Ocean Hwy) [R-3434]	\$45,900,000	Brunswick	100	11.98	None		0	None			0	20	7.99	0	0	Did not score high enough
R170434	Statewide Mobility	Restore the abandoned Atlantic Coast Line Railroad corridor (CSX AC line) from Malmo to the International Logistics Park near the Columbus/Brunswick county line	\$35,000,000	Brunswick	70	3.49	Low		25	None			0	10	7.75	0	0	Did not score high enough
R170043	Statewide Mobility	Restore the abandoned Atlantic Coast Line Railroad corridor (CSX AC line) from Malmo to the RJ Corman Carolina line in Whiteville, per FS-1706A	\$235,000,000	Brunswick, Columbus	99	2.62	Low	None	1	None	None		0	10	2.46	0	0	Did not score high enough

Priority	Division 3	Division 6	Priority	Brunswick	Columbus	Pender
High	8	5	High	5	5	3
Medium	8	4	Medium	5	4	3
Low	8	4	Low	5	4	3
None	7	4	None	5	4	2
Total	31	17	Total	20	17	11

CAPE FEAR RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MODERNIZATION TO THE
CONTAINER GATE COMPLEX AT THE PORT OF WILMINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee is the duly recognized transportation decision making body for the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization (CFRPO), as authorized under NCGS §136-211; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority owns and operates an ocean port terminal in Wilmington, North Carolina in New Hanover County and the operation of such a terminal is a tremendous catalyst for economic growth and development throughout North Carolina, and particularly in eastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority's contributed more than \$14 billion in annual economic contribution to the state's economy constituted by goods moving through the port facilities and supported 76,700 full-time jobs at North Carolina businesses; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority strategic plan forecasts a doubling of container volumes at the Port of Wilmington over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, in order to service existing container customers and accommodate growing container volumes at the Port of Wilmington, a modernized container gate complex is required; and

WHEREAS, modernization of the container gate complex will allow for the forecasted trucks to access the needed equipment and facilities to serve North Carolina's commercial global customers; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Ports Authority, in coordination with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, is preparing a grant application for the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) for Fiscal Year 2018 to fund modernization of the container gate complex at the Port of Wilmington.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee of the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization hereby supports the modernization of the container gate complex at the Port of Wilmington.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting this 13th day of July 2018.

BY:

ATTEST:

Frank Williams, Chair

Allen Serkin, Secretary

CAPE FEAR RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A DETAILED PLANNING STUDY OF
THE EAST COAST GREENWAY THROUGH RURAL NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) was established to facilitate the coordination of transportation planning efforts between the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and local officials in the Cape Fear RPO planning boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) is the duly established transportation planning policy board for the Cape Fear RPO; and

WHEREAS, the East Coast Greenway (ECG) is envisioned to be the country's longest biking and walking route, connecting 15 states, 450 cities and towns, and 3,000 miles of people-powered trails from Maine to Florida; and

WHEREAS, the ECG's North Carolina Spine Route consists of 372 miles of planned and constructed greenway facilities, including portions of eastern Pender and southeastern Brunswick counties; and

WHEREAS, ECG State Committee Strategic Plan identifies rural corridor studies as the biggest obstacle to completing the greenway and expanding benefits throughout central and eastern NC; and

WHEREAS, the ECG Alliance, Kerr-Tarr RPO, Upper Coastal Plain RPO, Mid-Carolina RPO, and Cape Fear RPO have agreed to collaboratively prepare a grant application for the USDOT's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) for Fiscal Year 2018 to conduct rural corridor studies for the non-metropolitan areas of the ECG in North Carolina; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee of the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization hereby supports the BUILD application for preparation of East Coast Greenway rural corridor studies for the ECG Spine Route and, if the grant is awarded, will offer to provide technical assistance for the duration of the planning process.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting this 13th day of July 2018.

Frank Williams, Chairman
Cape Fear RPO RTAC

Allen Serkin, Secretary
Cape Fear RPO

Allen Serkin

From: NCDOT News <tdhass@ncdot.gov>
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Subject: Board Approves Locally Requested Toll Increase on Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry



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The N.C. Ferry System's M/V Croatoan on the Cape Fear River between Southport and Fort Fisher

Transportation Board Approves Locally Requested Toll Increase on Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry

Revenue will fund vessel replacement on Cape Fear River route

WILMINGTON – The North Carolina Board of Transportation Thursday approved a request from the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization and the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization to increase tolls on the N.C. Ferry System's Southport-Fort Fisher ferry route.

The toll for a vehicle less than 20 feet in length will go from \$5 to \$7, tolls for vehicles between 20 feet and 40 feet will go from \$10 to \$14, and tolls for vehicles larger than 40 feet will go from \$15 to \$28. However, the toll increase will not affect commuter passes, which will remain at \$150 per year. Tolls for pedestrians, bikes and motorcycles will remain the same.

Under a law passed by the General Assembly in 2013, all toll changes must be requested by local transportation planning organizations and approved by the Board of Transportation. Revenue raised by a tolled route automatically goes into a Vessel Replacement Fund for that specific route.

The new tolls will take effect August 15.

This is the first toll increase on any ferry route since 2002. The fare increase does not affect fares for any other ferry route.

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This is a visualization of what an intermodal facility looks like.

CSX Intermodal Facility Coming to Edgecombe County

Project will give industry efficient access to rail in Eastern NC

RALEIGH – A new intermodal transportation facility will be built in Edgecombe County to help industry get products to customers and spur growth in the region, officials with the N.C. Department of Transportation announced today. NCDOT has reached an agreement with CSX Corporation regarding the building and operation of the Edgecombe County facility.

“This facility will make Eastern North Carolina even more attractive to businesses looking to grow by offering a logistical solution to industry shipping challenges,” said NCDOT Secretary Jim Trogdon. “We are pleased to help bring this intermodal facility to Eastern North Carolina.”

The facility, known as the Carolina Connector (CCX), will be built on the CSX mainline and CSX will run it. NCDOT will invest up to \$118.1 million for site development and roadway construction. NCDOT conducted an economic impact evaluation in early June and determined the facility will have an indirect job impact of up to 1,300 jobs.

Once the contract is executed, site development work will begin with an anticipated completion date of 2020.

Originally, CSX intended to build what is called a “hub and spoke” intermodal facility in Edgecombe County. In November 2017, CSX put those plans on hold as the company reassessed its long-term business model. Since then, North Carolina officials have remained in contact with CSX to ensure the North Carolina site remained in consideration.

The newly envisioned site will be a traditional intermodal site. The 330-acre site will allow trucks to bring cargo containers to a rail yard where they will be transferred to trains for transport. This facility will serve many industries with efficient access to rail.

“Getting products to the customer is paramount to any business’s success,” said Carolinas Gateway Partnership CEO and President Norris Tolson. “We at the Carolina Gateway Partnership are pleased that the CCX intermodal site will provide another vital link in the logistics solutions offered for our customer base in the Twin Counties and all of Eastern North Carolina. Edgecombe and Nash counties will now truly be a gateway to markets throughout the eastern part of the U.S.”

The project was scored and evaluated per North Carolina’s data-driven process that allows NCDOT to invest available funds more efficiently and effectively to enhance the state's infrastructure, while supporting economic growth, job creation and a higher quality of life.



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GREENSBORO – North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper today signed into law the Build NC Bond Act of 2018, a new financing tool sought by his administration to help expedite critical highway projects.

“For families trying to get to work and school faster, for farmers and business owners seeking to get their goods to customers, and for CEOs looking to grow in North Carolina, transportation is essential,” Gov. Cooper said. “Build NC will help deliver critical transportation projects to communities more quickly, helping North Carolina attract opportunities and stay competitive.”

Under Gov. Cooper’s direction, the N.C. Department of Transportation has accelerated 350 highway projects and made room for an additional 144 projects in the current 2018-2027 transportation plan. NCDOT pushed for Build NC as an added tool to expedite more infrastructure projects for quicker delivery.

“Transportation is the backbone of our state’s economic competitiveness and our quality of life,” said Transportation Secretary Jim Trogdon. “Build NC is a tool that will allow us to continue strong project delivery.”

Build NC will only be used if NCDOT is able to maintain its strong project delivery pace, which increases expenditures and decreases its cash balance. If that balance reaches a certain level, the department can ask the state treasurer to issue up to \$300 million in bonds annually over the next 10 years to maintain project delivery at current levels.

Build NC bonds will be applied to projects consistent with the Strategic Transportation Investments Law that requires projects be selected through a data-driven scoring process. These are projects in the regional and division tiers.

Repayment of any bonds sold will come from within the state Highway Trust Fund, not the General Fund

Active Projects: Bridge/Safety/Maintenance/Resurfacing, etc.

C203642

REPLACEMENT OF 7 BRIDGES IN COLUMBUS COUNTY: BRIDGE STRUCTURES #230013 ON NC 410; #230118 ON SR 1317 (CLARENDON CHADBOURN RD); #230126 ON SR 1005 (PEACOCK RD); #230167 ON SR 1379 (HINSON CROSSROADS RD); #230171 ON SR 1414 (BRASWELL RD); #230175 ON SR 1504 (WILLIAMSONS XRDS); #230308 ON SR 1005 (PEACOCK RD)

Let Date: 4-21-2015

Work Began: 12-4-2015

Estimated Completion: 9-1-2018

Scheduled Progress: 100%

Actual Progress 100%

Contractor: E.S. Wagner Company, LLC - South CA

Contract Amount: \$5,038,195

PROJECT COMPLETE

C204040 (B-5699, B-5700, B-5711)

REPLACE 1 BRIDGE IN COLUMBUS COUNTY (B-5699), 1 BRIDGE IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY (B-5700) AND REPLACE 1 BRIDGE IN HARNETT COUNTY (B-5711); COLUMBUS CO: (B-5699) REPLACE BRIDGE #68 ON NC 214

Let Date: 6-6-2017

Work Began: 11-27-2017

Estimated Completion: 11-18-2018

Scheduled Progress: 9.5%

Actual Progress: 7.9%

Contractor: Smith-Rowe

Contract Amount: \$5,491,634

Columbus Project Cost: \$1,250,000

C204115 (R-5749)

CONSTRUCT INTERCHANGE AT US 74-76 AND SR 1001 (HALLSBORO ROAD)

R/W Date: 3-31-17

Let Date: 2-20-2018

Work Began: 4-25-2018

Scheduled Progress: 2%

Actual Progress: 4.1%

Contractor: BMCO Construction INC

Contract Amount: \$9,398,677

DF00162

RESURFACING ON NC 11 FROM SR 1740 TO NC 87 & VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES

Let Date: 6-7-2017

Work Began: 9-21-2017

Estimated Completion: 8-31-2018

Scheduled Progress: 0%

Actual Progress: 37.18%

Contractor: Barnhill

Contract Amount: \$1,599,045

DF00169

REPLACE BRIDGE #84 OVER JUNIPER SWAMP ON SR 1119 (WRIGHT ROAD), BRIDGE #196 OVER GREENS BRANCH ON SR 1003 (SILVER SPOON ROAD) AND BRIDGE #198 OVER WEST PRONG CREEK ON SR 1546 (BILL HOOKS ROAD)

Let Date: 6-21-2017

Work Began: 1-17-2018

Original Completion Date: 1-24-2019

Revised Completion Date: 5-9-2019

Scheduled Progress: 55%

Actual Progress: 30.03%

Contractor: Civil Works Contracting LLC

Contract Amount: \$1,754,870



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Cape Fear RPO Update List: Brunswick and Pender County

Project Update List for Brunswick County

Projects Under Construction – Brunswick County

ER-2971 – (Ocean Isle Beach Roundabout: DC00194)– Hwy 179 (Beach Drive) at Hwy 904 (Causeway Drive) SR 1184 (Ocean Isle Beach Road) in Ocean Isle
Contractor: Triangle Grading & Paving Inc.

Estimated Completion Date: June 2018

Percent Complete: 80.91%

Project Development- Brunswick County

R-5021: widening of NC 211 from NC 87 to SR 1500 (Midway Road) to a 4-lane divided facility.

Let Date December 2018

U-5788: US 17 Business (Main Street) Realign intersection at Wall Street and Shallotte Avenue

Let Date August 2019

U-5862: US 17 (Shalotte Bypass) Upgrade intersection to interchange SR 1357 (Smith Avenue)

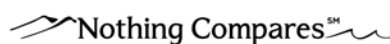
Let Date May 2021

U-5914: NC 133 Modernize Intersection at US 17/US 74/ US 76 to SR 1554 (Old River Road).

Let Date August 2019

U-5932: US 17 Convert Intersection to Interchange.

Let Date June 2024



R-5876: Carolina Bays Parkway Extension (Note: Previously R-3436)

Project Overview and Purpose

The N.C. Department of Transportation, along with the S.C. Department of Transportation, is planning to build a multi-lane expressway that extends Carolina Bays Parkway (S.C. 31) from S.C. 9 in Horry County, S.C., across the North Carolina state line to U.S. 17 in Brunswick County.

The extension would provide a more direct and efficient movement of traffic seeking to bypass congestion within the areas of Calabash in North Carolina as well as Little River and the Grand Strand areas in South Carolina. It would also improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection of S.C. 9 and S.C. 57 and provide a more direct route for coastal truck traffic moving through North Carolina.

Project Highlights

A team of engineering firms, led by CALYX Engineers and Consultants, is under contract to conduct project development and environmental studies, which are being led by NCDOT and SCDOT in cooperation with local, state and federal agencies in both states.

Project development and environmental studies are underway to evaluate potential routes for the roadway from an engineering and environmental standpoint and to select a preferred route.

Currently only programmed for planning and environmental study. No schedule has been established for right-of-way acquisition or construction, which is not currently funded in North Carolina.

[Resurfacing Projects - Brunswick County](#)

2017 Brunswick County Resurfacing Contract – (2017CPT.03.06.10101 & 2017CPT.03.06.20101: C203923) 1 Section of US 74/US 76, 2 Sections of NC 87, NC 179, NC 904/179, and 41 Sections of secondary roads.

Estimated Completion Date: May 2018.

Percent Complete: 98.09%

2018 Brunswick Resurfacing Contract: WBS – (2018CPT.03.03.10101: C204094) US 76 E. & W., US 421 N., NC 130, NC 179, NC 904.

Estimated Completion Date: March 2019.

Percent Complete: 43.97%

[High Impact / Low Cost funded projects](#) [New project funding source – Brunswick County](#)

1. NC 133 (flooding) Intersection of SR 1521 (Funston Road SE and NC 133 in Brunswick County

Approximately a mile in each direction of the intersection.

WBS 80084

Project let August 2019

Anticipated Completion April 2020

2. Installation of traffic signal at US 17 & NC 87 (southern entrance) in Brunswick County
WBS 47783; work began February 2018
Completion Date: June 2019
3. Installation of traffic signals at the intersection of US 17 and Ocean Isle Beach Road, and the NB to SB U-turn location approximately 875 feet northeast of the referenced intersection in Brunswick County.
WBS 47879; work began February 2018
Completion Date: June 2019
4. Caswell Beach Rd Infiltration System in Oak Island; funds not yet released

Project Update List for Pender County

Bridges Under Construction – Pender County

B-4929 — (Surf City Bridge on NC 50/210: C203789) Replace bridge #16 over the inter-coastal waterway with a fixed span high rise structure.

- Currently setting Girders, pouring decks (7 spans remaining), and working on water/sewer utilities

Contractor: Balfour Beatty Infrastructure

Estimated Contract Completion Date November 2020

Percent Complete: 81.87%

Project Development – Pender County

R-3300B: US 17 Hampstead Bypass: Construct a four-lane divided roadway on mostly new location from NC 210 to Sloop Point Loop Road. **R-3300B is fully funded**

Let December 2019

R-3300A: US 17 Hampstead Bypass: Construct a four lane divided roadway from NC 210 to I-140 south of Hampstead. **Currently unfunded section of Hampstead Bypass. However, Design and Right of Way has been approved. NCDOT is pursuing funds to meet the same construction let date as R-3300B.**

Let December 2019

U-5732: US 17 (Ocean Highway in Hampstead)

Convert to superstreet from SR 1582 (Washington Acres Road) to SR 1563 (Sloop Point Loop Road). **Note: Will be built in conjunction with Hampstead Bypass.**

Let December 2019

Resurfacing Projects - Pender County

Pender County Resurfacing Contract — (2018CPT.03.05.10711, 2018CPT.03.05.20700 & 2018CPT.03.05.20712: C204090). 1-section of US-17, 1-section of NC-50, 1-section of NC-210, and 36 other various SR roads.

Estimated Completion Date: January 2019

Percent Complete: 46.82

High Impact / Low Cost funded projects

New project funding source – Brunswick County

1. Hoover Road widening from proposed interchange to US 17 with 2' paved shoulders; currently under design

WBS 47785

Project let September 2018

Anticipated Completion March 2019

This project list was updated on July 5, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Marks at the Division 3 Office:
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Active Projects: Bridge/Safety/Maintenance/Resurfacing, etc.

DF00170

REPLACE BRIDGE #259 AND #262 OVER DANS CREEK ON SR 1836 (BYRDVILLE-FREEMAN ROAD)
Let Date: 6-21-2017
Work Began: 10-11-2017
Original Completion Date: 2-21-2019
Revised Completion Date: 3-8-2019
Scheduled Progress: 100%
Actual Progress: 56.81%
Contractor: Civil Works Contracting LLC
Contract Amount: \$904,565

DF00178 (R-5786A)

2017 ADA CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENTS VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN BLADEN, COLUMBUS & ROBESON COUNTIES
Let Date: 8-16-2017
Work Began: 11-6-2017
Estimated Completion: 5-31-2018
Scheduled Progress: 84%
Actual Progress: 73.41%
Contractor: Jymco Construction Company, INC
Contract Amount: \$611,680

DF00192 (R-5786CA, R5786CB)

ADA CURB RAMP INSTALLATIONS (SPRING 2018)
Let Date: 3-7-2018
Availability Date: 4-1-2018
Work Began: 4-23-2018
Estimated Completion: 11-15-2018
Scheduled Progress: 25%
Actual Progress: 19.71%
Contractor: Browe Construction Company
Contract Amount: \$806,581

DF00201

RESURFACING, WIDENING & PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON NC 11, SR 1150, SR 1730, SR 1843 & VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES IN BLADEN AND COLUMBUS COUNTIES (16.44 MILES)
Let Date: 3-7-2018
Availability Date: 4-4-2018
Work Began: 5-3-2018
Estimated Completion: 8-30-2019
Scheduled Progress: 0%
Actual Progress: 7.48%
Contractor: Barnhill
Contract Amount: \$2,052,738

DF00212

GUARDRAIL REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT ON NC 87 FROM US 74 TO SR 1855 IN COLUMBUS COUNTY AND ON NC 211 IN BLADEN COUNTY FROM US 701 BYPASS TO ROBESON COUNTY LINE
Let Date: 4-18-2018
Availability Date: 5-7-2018
Work Began: 5-15-2018
Estimated Completion: 6-29-2018
Scheduled Progress: 25%
Actual Progress: 32.8%
Contractor: Reynolds Fence & Guardrail INC
Contract Amount: \$377,210

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R-5749

US 74/76 at SR 1001 (Hallsboro Road) Convert at-grade intersection to interchange
R/W acquisition: 3-2017
Let Date: 2-2018
Work Began: 4-25-2018
Estimated Completion: 11-19-2020
Scheduled Progress: 2%
Actual Progress: 4.1%
Contractor: BMCO Construction INC
Project Cost: \$5,872,000

Upcoming Projects: Bridge/Safety/Maintenance/STIP/Resurfacing Projects, etc.

C203988 (B-5332)

REPLACE BRIDGE 3130 OVER CEDAR CREEK ON SR 1005 (PEACOCK ROAD)
Let Date: 7-18-2017
Availability Date: 3-15-2018
Estimated Completion: TBD
Scheduled Progress: 0%
Actual Progress: 0%
Contractor: The Tara Group of Lumberon INC
Contract Amount: \$520,434

DF00187

RESURFACING, WIDENING & PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON SR 1004 (ROUGH AND READY ROAD) AND VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES
Let Date: 11-1-2017
Estimated Completion: 11-15-2018
Scheduled Progress: 0%
Actual Progress: 0%
Contractor: Barnhill
Contract Amount: \$2,873,590

DF00200

ASPHALT SURFACE TREATMENT ON VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES IN COLUMBUS COUNTY
Let Date: 2-7-2018
Availability Date: 4-1-2018
Estimated Completion: 6-15-2019
Scheduled Progress: 0%
Actual Progress: 0%
Contractor: Riley Paving INC
Contract Amount: \$1,359,074

DF00202

RESURFACING, WIDENING & PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES IN BLADEN AND COLUMBUS COUNTIES (30.07 MILES)
Let Date: 3-7-2018
Availability Date: 4-2-2018
Estimated Completion: 8-30-2019
Scheduled Progress: 0%
Actual Progress: 0%
Contractor: Barnhill
Contract Amount: \$4,380,068

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DF00203

RESURFACING, MILLING, WIDENING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES IN COLUMBUS COUNTY & NC 130 AND NC 905

Let Date: 3-7-2018

Availability Date: 4-2-2018

Estimated Completion: 8-30-2019

Scheduled Progress: 0%

Actual Progress: 0%

Contractor: Barnhill

Contract Amount: \$3,469,047

R-2561CA

NC 87 at NC 11 convert at-grade intersection to interchange

R/W acquisition: 10-1-2021

Let Date: 10-1-2023

Estimated Project Cost: \$8,500,000

R-5820

US 74/76 at SR 1735 (Chaunceytown Road) Upgrade at-grade intersection to interchange

R/W acquisition: 1-2020

Let Date: 1-2022

Estimated Project Cost: \$7,500,000

R-5020

Widening US 701 Bypass (Madison Street-Powell Boulevard) from SR 1166 Pleasant Plains Road to North of US 74/76 Bypass in Whiteville

R/W acquisition: 2-2018

Let Date: 2-2020

Estimated Project Cost: \$35,364,000

R-5797

US 74 at SR 1506 (Boardman Road) upgrade at-grade intersection to interchange

R/W acquisition: 10-2018

Let Date: 10-2020

Estimated Project Cost: \$14,100,000

W-5601EV

US 74 IMPROVEMENTS - CONSTRUCT DIRECTIONAL CROSSOVERS ON US 74 FROM SR 1824 WATER TANK RD TO JUST EAST OF THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY LINE IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

R/W Date: 6-30-2017

Let Date: 8-21-2018

Estimated Project Cost: \$3,255,000



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TAC TPD UPDATES CAPE FEAR RPO

July 13, 2018

Columbus County CTP – incorporating steering committee comments into Problem Statements and Maps. Next steering committee meeting will be end of July. Draft CTP Maps should be completed and approved by end of August (tentative). CTP to be completed by Spring 2019 (tentative).

Brunswick County Model - the TPD modeler is working on model calibration and should be done with that step by end of June (tentative). Model to be completed by end of August (tentative). Brunswick CTP study will start once the model is complete and CTP 2.0 rolls out.

Wilmington Model Update – Wilmington MPO has requested that TPD update their model to a base year of 2015, previously the base year was 2010. The model is being updated so it can be accurately used in the next MTP. The Base Year SE Data has been verified, and we are moving onto the future year portion of the model. The MPO is now creating low, medium and high growth for future year model runs.

Wilmington CTP – With the model update, WMPO has also asked TPD to start on the Wilmington CTP update. We have yet to develop a schedule for this CTP and start – but once the Wilmington Model is near completion we will develop a schedule.

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Performance Measures – NCDOT has developed draft targets for pavement, bridge, and system performance and will transmit them to FHWA before the May 20, 2018 deadline.

RPO Program Reviews: FHWA submitted their findings and recommendations for improvement to NCDOT. TPD has developed an action plan to address the recommendations. FHWA, NCDOT and the RPO Administrative Documents Committee will collaborate on the implementation of resulting changes.

Statewide Plan: TPD has selected WSP as the consultant for the Statewide Plan. A scope and schedule will be developed soon. As stakeholders, MPO/RPOs will be engaged throughout the process.

Corridor Studies: Work is underway on the first two master plans, as follows:

- **Bundle #1** has been assigned to Kimley-Horn and includes **Corridor P** (Future I-42/US 70E/ NCR from I-440 in Wake County to Port at Morehead City), **Corridor S** (I-795/US 117 from I-95 in Wilson County to I-40 in Sampson County), and **Corridor X** (US 258/NC 11/US 13 from US 17 in Onslow County to US 64E in Edgecombe County)
- **Bundle #2** has been assigned to Atkins, and includes **Corridor U** (US 74W/US 74E/I 74 from I-26 in Polk County to US 117 in Wilmington) and **Corridor D** (US 321/CSX from South Carolina state line to Tennessee state line).

CMAQ: Applications for funding in FFY 2019 were due by March 15, 2018.

Traffic Forecast: The Traffic Forecast shapefile is under development (ArcGIS Online).

HERE Data: HERE Data is available for use for NCDOT business purposes, subsequently being available for RPO use. Data available for travel times and speed measures across the state. Program available at: <https://pda.ritis.org/suite>

FHWA News: Functional Classification - FHWA has an interactive map that shows the Federal highway system, freight network, fatal crashes, MPO information, and demographic maps at the county level.

Build NC: On April 30, the House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long-Term Funding Solutions passed out of committee the Build NC Bond Act. NCDOT is pleased that this legislation is moving forward. Build NC is a financing tool similar to Garvee bonds and is an important way to move critical projects forward. It is important to note that it is not new revenue, but borrowing authority to implement projects sooner. The focus would be for projects in the regional and Division tiers. NCDOT's desire is for the bill to have as few restrictions as possible.